

January 2013

Date of Occurrence: January 4, 2013 – March 1, 2013

The Elsmere Bureau of Police will be accepting applications for Seasonal Officers. Applications are available on our website and at the police station during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

Date of Occurrence: January 7, 2013 @ 0230 hrs.

On this date, PFC John Mitchell conducted a traffic stop for a seatbelt violation. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of Kirkwood Hwy. After an inquiry check was conducted on the driver it was determined the driver provided false information. Upon further investigation, PFC Mitchell was able to identify the driver as Lester Nelson who was wanted locally on two outstanding capias' for violation of probation for \$20,000 cash each. An NCIC check revealed this subject was also wanted for questioning for a homicide that occurred in Philadelphia the previous evening. The Defendant was taken into custody for his outstanding capias' and charged with Criminal Impersonation, Driving While Suspended and No Seatbelt. The Defendant was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute and Philadelphia detectives were notified their person of interest was incarcerated.

Date of Occurrence: January 9, 2013 @ 2130 hrs.

On this date, Cpl. Young, PFC Mitchell and Ptlm. Giles responded to the 1200 block of Sycamore Avenue for a house fire with the report of a subject trapped. Upon arrival, officers found the male home owner attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. The homeowner advised officer he was unsure if his wife was able to escape. Officers attempted to make entry, but were pushed back due to the intense heat and smoke. Once the fire was extinguished fire fighters located the female homeowner deceased in the living room area. At this time the cause of the fire is being investigated by the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Date of Occurrence: January 19, 2013 @ 0400 hrs.

On the this date, PFC John Mitchell conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle 2000 Cadillac Deville which was reported stolen from Dover PD's jurisdiction the previous day. The Defendant; Harold Holland advised he saw the vehicle was left running with the keys in the ignition. The Defendant then stated he stole the car and was enroute to scrap the car and sell it for parts when he was stopped. Defendant was charged with Receiving Stolen Property and several traffic violations. The defendant was also wanted on three active capias'; one for failure to appear for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and the two failure to appear on support arrears hearings. The Defendant was arraigned and incarcerated on his capais'.

Date of Occurrence: January 23, 2013 @ 1340 hrs.

On today's date, PFC Mitchell attempted to stop a green Honda Odyssey van for a cell phone violation. The suspect, Purnell Davis refused to pull over and the officer. PFC Mitchell continued to follow the suspect to Lancaster Court Apartments where the suspect fled on foot. The female passenger stayed in the vehicle and advised officers the suspect handed her an empty pack of Newport cigarettes with a crack pipe inside while he was exiting the vehicle. The suspect did not have any active warrants at the time, but does have an extensive criminal history. PFC Mitchell signed warrants for the following charges:

- Disregarding a Police Officer's Signal
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving Without a Valid License
- Failure to Use Turn Signal (5 counts)
- Driving at Unreasonable Speed
- Driving While Using a Cell Phone

Date of Occurrence: January 25, 2013 @ 1330 hrs.

On today's date, Det. Shelton executed a search warrant in the 1500 block of Maple Avenue. Det. Shelton had been investigating a Robbery that occurred in the unit block of Maple Avenue on January 17, 2013, in which the victim sustained serious injury. Both Defendants; Tynequa Matthews and Joequasia Coverdale were arrested Robbery 1st and Conspiracy. Both defendants received \$32, 500 dollars unsecured bail and Ms. Coverdale was transported to WCI in lieu of \$100.00 cash bail on a capias.

Date of Occurrence: January 31, 2013 @ 1845 hrs.

On today's date, Ptlm. Asbell conducted a motor vehicle stop for weaving at Rt. 2 E/B and Northern Avenue. Ptlm. Asbell approached the vehicle and detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from the driver. Ptlm. Asbell had the driver exit the vehicle and a fight ensued. During the confrontation, Ptlm. Asbell deployed his TASER, striking the defendant, Julio Lara in the back. While attempting to subdue the defendant Ptlm. Asbell struck his head on the concrete curb. PFC Rodick responded to assist Ptlm. Asbell as well as DSP, NCCPD, Newport PD and State Fire Marshall's Office. The defendant was charged with Assault 2nd, Resisting Arrest, Offensive Touching, and several traffic violations. The defendant was arraigned on the above charges and was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute on \$10,500.00 secured bond.

The defendant Julio Lara was also found to be within the U.S. illegally and a detainer was placed on defendant by The Dept. of Homeland Security (Immigration) to be held for future deportation.